Dallas Police Dept

Dear Mr. Shea, re JFK/field office records 5/14/81

Based on your review, manotified over the signature of the Associate Attorney General, and the additional assurances of the Department, presented also to the Court by Daniel Metcalfe of the Civil Division, I was led to believe that certain records were to be provided within a specified period of time, at a specified rate of production, with the processing requiring more time because the FBI was so determined to provide the best of possible processing, to be done by the best of its fine FOIA agents.

But based on extensive previous experience, I also knew that it would be quite unusual for the FBI to do what it agreed to do and to keep its own time schedule. I wrote you about this and other non-compliances and you told me to take it up with the FBI. I did, with copies to you, and with the prediction that the unchanged FBI would be unchanged and unresponsive. You also have been totally non-responsive.

Under these circumstances you have made yourself part of the FBI's deceptiveness and a cover for its non-compliances.

The FBI's failure to keep its quite modest production schedules in so old a case and with records so obviously pertinent is now even more serious for me because I have just returned from the hospital and additional emergency arterial surgery. It can't even produce 300 pages a week even when those pages are of newspaper clippings, which are most of some of the recent mailings.

While the FBI's long-standing campaign to "stop" me and my work, its word, directly quoted, provides ample motive for its continuing frustrating of my JFK and King assassination information requests, with regard to the improperly withheld records it now is dribbling out other motive is quite apparent - to deter embarrassment to the FBI. This also can explain continued withholdings of existing, pertinent records.

The most recent of these records was sent to me under date of May 6. As usual it holds the essentially meaningless assurance that the processing was "coordinated" with you, a matter I have raised with you and about which you have insisted on non-responsiveness. I continue to find it impossible to believe that the FBI's persisting use of an exemption you have testified is inappropriate was "coordinated" with you or has your OK.

These records are not dated, as required by the worksheet form and the Department's agreement. The May 8 letter states it forwards 120 pages, not an impressive production rate, particularly not when most is clippings. The only apparent reason for refusing to date the worksheets is to mask the deliberateness of the FBI's lying to the Court, my counsel and me and perhaps its own counsel.

Including in these 120 pages is an undescribed volume of consisting largely of SA's notes, somewhat strangely with 1977 notes serialized after those of 1978 and 1979. It is not likely that the Dallas SAs did not begin to keep notes of their JFK assassination inquiries for 14 years. Obviously, the earlier notes are of considerable importance.

These incompletely provided notes include several subjects that are and have been embarrassing to the FBI. One is the existence of assassination pictures about which the FBI lied - and the use is not accidental - as well as failed, the other deals with another of its many failures when it investigated the assassination of the President.

I have some responsibility for the first becoming public knowledge. I obtained the records that led to the truth in this litigation and made copies available to others. I have a number of pertinent appeals on which you have failed to act.

Charles Bronson took motion and still picture of the assassination and the building from which the FBI claims that Oswald alone fired all the shots. The BA sent the SAC a memo in which he stated that the film was valueless because it didn't even show the building. This is a large lie, based on which the FBI avoided that film and didn't even inform FBIHQ or the Warren Commission of its existence. The FBI is supposedly having an analysis of this film made, at the request of the defunct HSCA. Supposedly for several years now, without it having happened.

The BA's name is withheld, ostensibly to assure privacy for the BA who is dealing quite openly with the critics in this matter. His name is Vic Sprott. He also appears to serve a public relations function in Dallas, not consistent with any privacy claim.

The other and not unrelated matter pertains to the recording of the Dallas police broadcasts, now said to hold proof of shooting in addition to what the FBI accounted for. As these notes reflect, the FBI had possession of the recordings because, as my first (1965) book states, the FBI transcribed them for the Commission. Clearly the FBI did not examine into and report on the pertinent five minutes of recorded material.

The published interpretation of the Bronson film is that it shows objects in motion in the very window in which the FBI claims Oswald alone was present, suggesting, at the least, another shooter, which is the HSCA's interpretation of the police broadcast recording.

The records now provided are far from complete. They also aren't be all the notes, because I know of other interviews and conferences Sprott had and are not reflected in what is provided. There also should be information other than notes, records of which I know, including but not limited to from Washington.

During the course of stonewalling this matter for several years the FBI accumulated other records still withheld.

Under date of 4/10/81 the FBI sent me what the worksheets describe as "Ruby's FBI file," not an original FBI file description. No other identification is provided. There is a numbered/letter for this file. Moreover, with Ruby dead and the fact known, what honest and reasonable purpose is served by the withholding? This file, as provided, does not include a single one of the contact forms the BA is required to have filled out after each one of his admitted contacts with Ruby.

There appear to be other glaring omissions.

While I was hospitalized I received a few New Orleans records. These reflect a deliberately inadequate search and refer to records not provided in this case or under my PA requests, which include FBIHQ and all field offices.

89-69-4713 states that when the records were shipped to FBIHQ there was a serial inventory sheet at the beginning of each volume. I do not recall that those were provided.

It says that "All indexed references to all known individuals involved in or referred to in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy were searched through search slips." These search slips are not provided and the information identified through these searches remains withheld. (The request required this and the same procedure for those involved in the Garrison matter. Of the latter I have provided you with copies of several lists of those names, from the Department and the FBI's files. However, all such records were not provided, nor was I asked for any explanation of the request. Instead the FBI, knowing better, limited itself to Garrison and Clay Shaw and David Ferrie and, with regard to all three, still did not comply. See Serial 4725, also enclosed.)

You will recall that I identified several Jim Garrison files to you in my appeals and provided you with their numbers. This record reflects the shipping of two Garrison files to HQ and I tell you that thereafter FBIHQ withheld those pertinent records.

Among the other withheld and pertinent records are the files on the critics.

Contrary to the above-quoted New Orleans language of 8/30/78, after a phone call from FBIHQ, New Orleans responded to the FBI's Orwellian usages to provide FBIHQ with a quotable deception to pretend there had been compliance after a good-faith search. It states in Serial 4725 that "In order to locate all possible files described by the subject requester, all of the following names or subjects were searched through the comprehensive indices..." It then lists only the President, Oswald, Ruby, Garrison, Shaw and Ferrie only. These are hardly all known persons involved in the investigations and certainly are not all in the request or in the various lists of which I provided copies from the Department's/FBI's files. This reflects deliberate non-compliance and the premeditated decision not to comply and not to make a good-faith search.

Serial 4729, also enclosed, refers to me and to records at Dallas and FBIHQ, but none have been provided, including under my PA request. There is reference to and enclosed 1?4, which is withheld, not enclosed.

Because the FBI has, as usual, been totally non-responsive, I am not wasting the time or postage to provide it with a copy. You are the appeals officer and you can do your job or not, as you see fit. However, if you had no intention of performing, it would have been much less costly to me if you had told me when I started providing you with hundreds of pages of still-ignored, detailed and documented appeals. Sincerely,